

Introduced by Senator Ducheny

February 21, 2007

An act to add Section 1203.87 to the Penal Code, relating to prisoners.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 391, as introduced, Ducheny. Prisoners.

Existing law generally regulates the conditions of incarceration for prisoners.

This bill would provide that any inmate who at the time of commitment to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation will serve at least one year, assuming receipt of all possible work credits for which he or she is eligible, shall have a risk/needs assessment completed within 90 days of commitment. The bill would provide that the purpose of the assessment would be to determine, on the basis of an evidence-based assessment tool, the risk that person may pose while incarcerated and the risk to society upon release, and the inmate's needs to reduce those risks, and would consider, at a minimum, the inmate's needs for educational, occupational, mental health, substance abuse, and life skills programming while incarcerated.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1203.87 is added to the Penal Code, to
- 2 read:
- 3 1203.87. Any inmate who at the time of commitment to the
- 4 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation will serve at least
- 5 one year, assuming receipt of all possible work credits for which

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2 within 90 days of commitment. The purpose of the assessment is
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5 society upon release, and the inmate's needs to reduce those risks.
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8 life skills programming while incarcerated.

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